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SUBJECT: CALL BY GUINEAN MINISTERS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFLELE

REF: CONAKRY 1325

1. GUINEAN MINISTERS N'FALY SANGARE (BANKS AND INSURANCE)
AND MOHAMED LAMINE TOURE (PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING, AND
URBANISM) CALLED ON AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE
AUGUST 13 BEFORE RETURNING TO GUINEA. THEY HAD BEEN IN
WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE IBRD CREDIT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

2. SANGARE WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN. HE SAID THAT
THEY HAD BEEN CHARGED BY SEKOU TOURE TO REAFFIRM TO USG
DURING THEIR VISIT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOG TO DEVELOP
ITS TIES WITH THE US, IN SPITE OF THE DIFFERENT FORMS
OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES. SANGARE SAID
THAT GOG WAS AWARE OF US ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA THROUGH
PL-480. ALONG THESE LINES, SANGARE SAID THAT HE WOULD
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LIKE TO: A) PRESENT GOG REQUEST FOR FY 1977 PL-480

COMMODITIES (SEE BELOW FOR FIGURES), AND B) RENEW GOG REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS OF FOODSTUFFS DURING FY 1976. SANGARE SAID THAT 10,000 TONS COULD BE CORN IF RICE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS AMOUNT NEEDED BADLY BY GOG TO

BRIDGE THE GAP UNTIL THE NEXT HARVEST.

3. SCHAUFLE REPLIED THAT GOG REQUEST WOULD BE CLOSELY STUDIED IN LIGHT OF COMMODITY AVAILABILITIES, OTHER GOVERNMENT REQUESTS, US HARVESTS, AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON PL-480 FUNDS. SCHAUFLE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT ON PART OF GOG PRESENTS NO PROBLEM FOR USG; ONLY PROBLEMS ARISE WHEN GOG SIDES WITH INTERESTS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THOSE OF USG. SANGARE REPLIED THAT GOG WOULD TRY TO STAY WITHIN "NON-ALIGNED FRAMEWORK," BUT NOTED THAT GUINEA OFTEN CHOSE POSITIONS ON CERTAIN ISSUES THAT DID RUN COUNTER TO USG VIEWS. SANGARE SAID HALF-HUMOROUSLY THAT GOG OFTEN FELT THAT ALL OTHER NATIONS WERE ALIGNED AGAINST GUINEA WHEREAS GOG THOUGHT ITSELF TO BE TRULY NON-ALIGNED.

4. AMBASSADOR BAH OF GUINEA RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT AUGUST 16 TO REITERATE TO AF/W DIRECTOR GOG'S INTEREST IN SECURING ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS OF RICE OR CORN BEFORE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. HE WAS REASSURED THAT HIS REQUEST WOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION.

5. FIGURES FOR GOG FY 1977 REQUEST AS FOLLOWS (SANGARE SAID THESE HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO OUR EMBASSY IN CONAKRY):

TITLE I:

A. RICE - 35,000 TONS

B. FLOUR - 15,000 TONS

C. VEGETABLE OIL - 5,000 TONS

D. COTTON - 3,000 BALES

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E. TALLOW - 3,000 TONS

F. CORN - 30,000 TONS

G. MILK PRODUCTS - 3,000 TONS

TITLE II:

A. DRIED BEANS - 500 TONS

B. SORGHUM - 5,000 TONS

C. UNSHELLED PEANUTS - 10,000 TONS

6. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT GOG HAS ALREADY
BEGUN TO REVISE UPWARD ITS FY 1977 REQUEST, AS FIGURES
GIVEN US BY SANGARE ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE REPORTED
REFTEL. KISSINGER

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